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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

Application of Kishio SHIBATO, Yoshinori NAKANE, Shinichi IKEHARA,

Keisuke KOJIMA

STAIN RESISTANT COATING COMPOSITIONS, METHODS OF

COATING AND COATED ARTICLES

Assignee: BASF NOF Coatings Co., Ltd. and HONDA GIKEN KOGYO

KABUSHIKI KAISHA

Our Ref: Q79832

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 10/111,132 (Confirmation No. 8031) filed April 23, 2002 of Kishio SHIBATO, Yoshinori NAKANE, Shinichi IKEHARA, Keisuke KOJIMA entitled STAIN RESISTANT COATING COMPOSITIONS, METHODS OF COATING AND COATED ARTICLES.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, and a copy of the Declaration and Assignment as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed are a Preliminary Amendment, an Information Disclosure Statement, and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1712.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. 10/111,132 filed April 23, 2002; which is a

§371 National Stage Application of PCT Application No. PCT/JP01/07205 filed August 23,

2001; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

| Country | Application No | Filing Date | |
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| Japan | 2000-254327 | August 24, 2000 | |
| Japan | 2000-254342 | August 24, 2000 | |

The priority documents were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT/JP01/07205.



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The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

| Total claims | 12 - 20 | = x | \$18.00 = | \$.00 |
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| Independent claims | 1 - 3 | = x | \$86.00 = | \$.00 |
| Base Fee | | | | \$770.00 |
| Multiple Dependent C | laim Fee | | | \$290.00 |

TOTAL FILING FEE

\$1060.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$1060.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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